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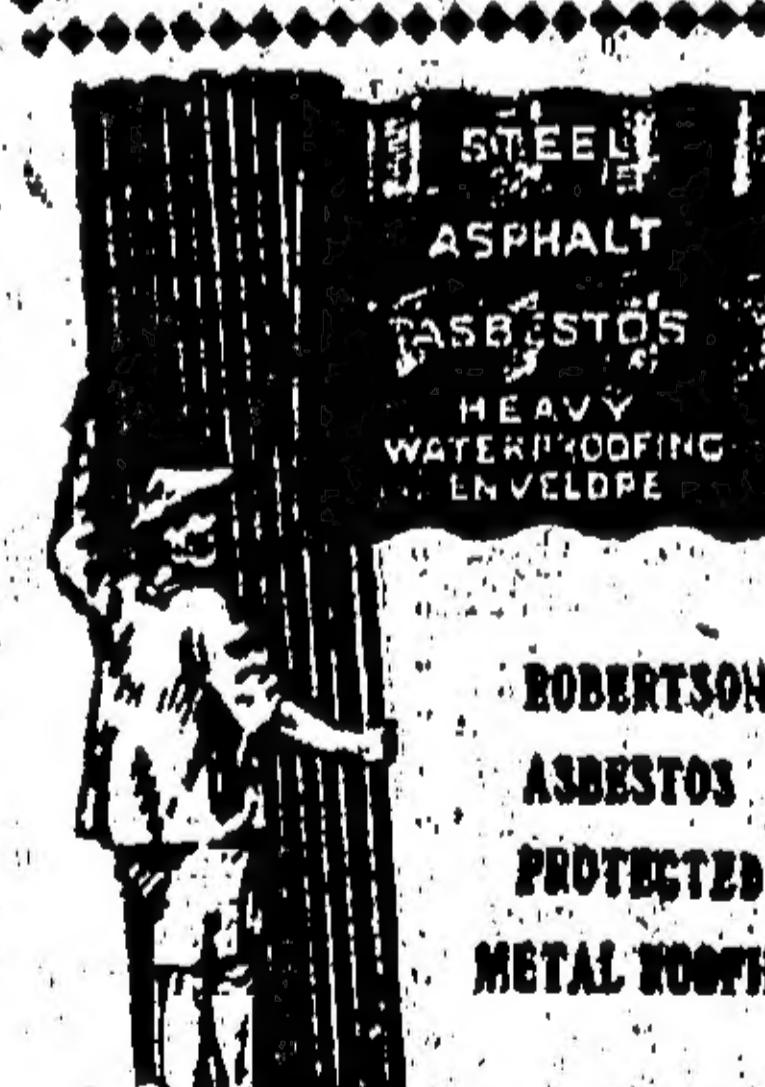
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DISBANDED SPECIALS REVOLT.

BARRACKS SEIZED.
(Reuters' Service.)

LOCAL PIRATE?

IMPORTANT HONGKONG CAPTURE.

WALKED INTO TRAP.

London, Dec. 19. Nemesis overtook an alleged pirate yesterday when he fell into the hands of the local Police after travelling in a river steamer with one of his former victims.

When the Tung Oh S.S. Co.'s "Sal On" arrived from Macao a Chinese passenger calmly told the Police officers on search duty that one of the pirates of the steam-launch "Po On" was on the ship. The European officers and Det.-Sgt. Chen Siu-ping immediately threw out a cordon and the wanted man walked right into them. Then the wharf gate was closed and a minute examination began as it was believed that one of the arrested man's confederates was also a passenger. This other man was not found.

On July 9—shortly after the strike began—the "Po On" left Hongkong for Deep Bay (Nam

A UNIQUE POSITION.

CHINA ASSOCIATION AND HONGKONG.

OFFICIAL EQUANIMITY?

OUR CASE PUT TO MR. AMERY.

Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, as the guest of the China Association in London on November 19; had a good deal to say with reference to Hongkong and whilst emphasising the dangers of complications arising if Britain adopted a policy in China independent of other powers, he stated that the British Government could not witness forever the impoverishment and retrogression of a great British Colony.

Before Mr. Amery's speech, the matter was dealt with very extensively by the Chairman, Mr. L. N. Lee. Loyal Chinese had gazed in amazement whilst the vaunted might of Great Britain had apparently proved ineffectual

"NOT FAIR."

HANGING UP BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS.

HIS LORDSHIP'S COMMENT.

"I don't like this hanging up of petitions; it works very unfairly," said the Chief Justice, sitting in Bankruptcy proceedings this morning.

The case was one in which Tung Wo applied for a receiving order in respect of Kwong Sang Cheong, debtor firm, piece goods dealers, the amount being \$1,000.

Total assets of debtor firm are stated to be \$10,000 and liabilities, \$20,000.

For the third time of hearing the petitioning creditor failed to put in an appearance, difficulties in travelling from Pakho being given as the reason. His Lordship remarked to Mr. J. T. Prior (representing petitioning creditor) that the period during which he had been warned to attend extended over a month. He would have to dismiss the claim.

ITALIA'S ROYALTY.

QUEEN M. THERE'S QUIET NIGHT.

KING NOT AT BEDSIDE.

(Reuters' Service.)

Rome, Dec. 18.

The Queen Mother spent a quiet night.

Local symptoms have shown no change and the temperature is high.

The report that the King has hastened to the bedside is incorrect.

"FROZEN PAPER."

SMALL AMERICAN BANKS SUSPEND.

MARRIED COUPLE AS CHIEFS.

(Reuters' American Service.)

Denver, Dec. 18.

Four comparatively small banks and one trust company have suspended business in the last two days.

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Matters Normal.

London, Dec. 18.

After a three hours' secret conference of "A" specials from all the disaffected platoons throughout Ulster, it is understood the men have agreed to accept the Government's terms, but have appointed a deputation to go to Belfast to interview the Inspector-General with a view to inducing the Government to grant three months' pay and allowances.

Meanwhile the barricades are being removed and the guards on stores and equipment are being withdrawn. The men throughout Ulster outside Belfast are reporting to their officers to-night, so matters are now normal.

JAPAN'S INTERESTS.

INTERVENTION IN MANCHURIA.

CHINESE THREATEN STRIKE.

(Reuters' Service.)

RUBBER PROTEST.

AMERICAN INDUSTRY'S \$700,000,000 BURDEN?

INQUIRY SOUGHT.

(Reuters' American Service.)

London, Dec. 18.

The "Daily Mail's" Tokyo correspondent cables that Japanese troops have taken possession of Mukden and forbidden the entry of any armed forces or of operations within six miles of the Japanese railway.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

An insistent propaganda is being made against Japanese "Intervention" in Manchuria is expected to lead to further industrial trouble in Shanghai especially in the cotton mills. Feeding has been exacerbated owing to the execution last night of one of the most prominent of Chinese labour agitators who was also a leading and powerful member of the General Labour Union.

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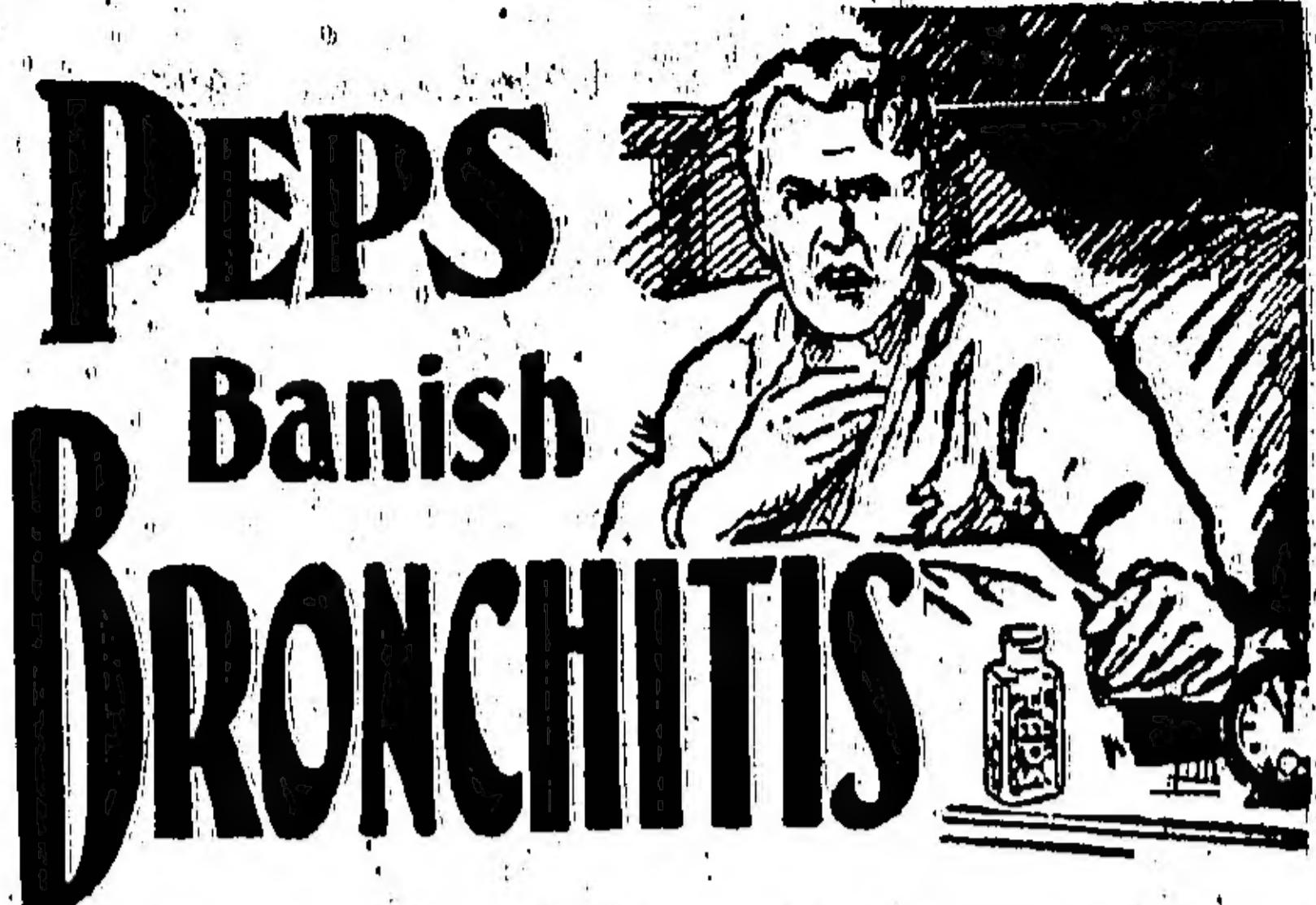
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LOVE STORY.

THE "CONFESSIONS" OF MRS. BENSON.

DIARY SECRETS.

The love story of Archbishop Benson, of Canterbury, and his wife, is told by their son, Mr. E. F. Benson, author of many novels, in his new book, "Mother," just published. Archbishop Benson died when kneeling at prayer in Hawarden Church, while on a visit to Mr. Gladstone in 1896. His wife, with whom he had fallen in love when she was eleven years old, was beside him. Mrs. Benson died in 1918.

The curious fact is revealed in Mrs. Benson's own words, taken from her diary—that she was not in love with her husband when she married him. She was swept away by his overwhelming love for her, and yet in the secrecy of her heart she realised that she did not love him as lovers love. She confessed this in the privacy of her diary, which, it seems, no eye but hers saw until after her death.

LOVE'S COMING.

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"MANTUA"	10,006	6th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
"RAEFUR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
"KHINA"	8,115	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
"MORNA"	10,918	1st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
"DEVAN"	8,185	12th A. M.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
"KALYAN"	9,141	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
"MACEODONIA"	11,082	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp	
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	
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"SICILIA"	6,000	26th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EBYER"	6,114	26th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"HYGETTUS"	4,600	1st Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"SANTHA"	8,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,041	1st Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"DESTA"	4,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	5,192	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	10,006	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTRA"	5,885	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARIBIR"	6,000	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANIA"	6,000	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KIVA"	8,132	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,013	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAPURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANIA"	9,144	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVAN"	8,152	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEODONIA"	11,082	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARIBIR"	8,000	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANIA"	8,000	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KIVA"	10,013	1st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	6,000	1st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

Although we have Mr. Stanley Baldwin's assurance that Britain's industrial outlook is improving in many directions, there is unfortunately as yet little improvement in the shipping industry. The parlous state of the shipping industry calls for the most careful handling. There is a great national asset at stake, and every effort must be exerted to protect that asset. America has shown us the folly of attempting to build up or maintain a national mercantile marine by subsidy. The shipping industry, like every other industry, must pay its own way. When it finds it is not doing this, it must take stock of the position; it must cut its coat to fit its cloth. This fact has been largely grasped by the shipowner and the employee alike. That is a big step in the right direction. Full and frank co-operation is essential. Once a footing of real give-and-take is reached and both sides put all their cards on the table the shipping industry will have reached a position where, unity being strength, it can face its troubles with a new determination to win through. Not very long ago Mr. Stanley Baldwin appealed to the industrial leaders of the country to take their employees more into their confidence. The time had passed, he said, when employees could be treated as mere wage earners. They should be invited to share the responsibilities of an industry, if not to the actual point of profit sharing, at least to the extent of understanding its work.

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They tell the MARSHALL HALL following story about Sir E. Marshall Hall who led the prosecution in the Hayley Morris case:

On one occasion a friend went into court to speak to the opponent of Marshall Hall, who was just at that moment concluding a heated controversy with the Judge. Seeing his opponent, Hall said in unintentionally loud tones, "For Heaven's sake stop talking. You're bad enough to have to do with that deaf old man on the Bench!"

There was a burst of laughter, which was renewed when the Judge, putting up his hand for silence, said, "Hush; please, I must get that on my notes."

Life is fleeting—
The Motor-Car, and the road-way.

Clearly shows us what we are;
"Dust thou art!"—to dust all turning
Sur was spoken of the car.

Passing motors all remind us
We may make our pace sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Cloudy stench and dusty grime.

Dusty grime which perhaps may
smother.

Some poor traveller on the road;

A mud-smeared brother,
Crying loudly, "You be blowed!"

Carts to smash and tyres to borrow
Are our destined end and way;

Far we worse or well, tomorrow
Let's go faster than to-day.

Let us then be up and doing—
Traps or any other fate.

Broken down, pursued, pursued,
Tired to sorrow and learn to wait.

ONE LAKE IN MOONLIGHT.

One bright evening late in September, I set out after dinner for Kilchurn, to get a series of observations on moonlight colour for I had studied Kilchurn closely enough to remember the ordinary daylight colour of every part of it. Dugald and Thursday rowed, for the water was like glass. Gradually the exquisite little island of Fraoch Eilan grew larger and larger, and then detached itself from its twin sister island, and the two dropped gently astern like islands in a panorama. Then companies of white mist in pillar-like shapes, about as tall as human beings, glided over the smooth floor of water like a procession of ghosts. When we got to Kilchurn, and had safely passed the bar at the entrance of the bay, we floated quietly out into the midst, and Kilchurn stood before us in the full, mellow light of the moon.

Sometimes the caps are a continuation in fur of the leather boot. Fashion has ordained a golden winter. Quite startling in the sunlight is the new tailor-made and gilt leather skirt hat, and jerkin to match. Gold tissue blouses are worn with black velvet suits. These are long and plain cut with high neck and fastened all the way down with gold buttons joined by gold cords.

The goldfish shoe is just becoming the rage at the dancing clubs. A plain shape in soft satin, the shade is a golden orange and is worn with every kind of frock.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Boylan Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.M.C., to be a Member of the Southern Board for a term of three years, Vice Lieutenant-Colonel Fitzgerald Gabbett Fitzgerald, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., who has left the Colony with effect from December 14, 1925.

According to the Times—With publisher, "A Book a Twist," of "Wine" contains "maps of the principal wine districts, index, bibliography, and blank pages." It is only reasonable to suppose that the "blank pages" are where the author becomes intoxicated with his subject. *

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Let's smile and let's smile, make the world look very fair. Let's smile and laugh and crack a clever joke. The smile upon your lips won't linger there, but travel swiftly to sad-hearted folk. It brightens up their sky of dull drab, hue, more potent even than the rays of sun. A smile who knows how much to it is due before its course of happiness be run?

Let's laugh, although our skins look grey and we are feeling so depressed; and then before the close of day, we'll feel, I'm sure, fresh life and zest. Let's laugh away for the gloomy face. Let's show we have no coward's heart. We're here just for a little space, we might with joy fulfil our part.

The birds are laughing health the heavens; the river laughing flows along. What bower is there that sulks or grieves; the heart of Nature is always strong. Let's laugh, not frown nor scowl nor weep; nor shall each day with dreary fear. For we shall all be long asleep—and brighter, then, we shall not hear.

Never treat your patients as if they were fools—some are; but the very great majority are not.—Sir Herbert Waterhouse.

The average preaching to-day is less thoughtful, less painstaking than in our fathers' days.—Archbishop of Canterbury.

Because in all the big things we remain children to the very end, we are always clamouring to be told what we should do.—Mr. St. Lucy Aumond.

The Communist party must be highly gratified at the publicity which they have recently been getting from opposing oracles.—Mr. Vivian Phillips.

American papers are American meant to be read in PAPERS, one minute by people who have only two minutes of leisure during the day and spend them in an elevator on the way to the office. They have to tote for their gurubies by an extreme concentration of snappy news on their outer pages. For instance, the democratic American, wishing to know which of his social superiors is in town, can master at

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FRANCE'S FINANCES.

INDUSTRIAL LEADERS OFFER HELP.

PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION.

(Reuters' Service.)

Paris, Dec. 18.—The papers state that with a view to solving the financial problems, the industrialists of the Département du Nord have laid before President Doumergue and M. Briand a plan for raising abroad a loan of ten billion francs guaranteed by one-tenth the turnover of the whole French industry.

A plan whereby the leaders of industry can help towards the solution of the financial crisis was submitted to M. Doumergue by the Nord industrialists. They suggested that all French industrialists should float a ten million franc loan both at home and abroad, secured on a tenth of the business turnover of the French industry. M. Doumergue was touched by the offer and the plan is already in the early stages of discussion in ministerial quarters.

FRANC LOAN.

SCHEME TO AVOID TAXATION.

(Reuters' Service.)

Paris, Dec. 18.—Various important groups of French industry, including the silk and metal, will adhere in principle to the plan of the Nord industrialists, who are chiefly textile and most vulnerable to fluctuations. The franc loan would be a purely voluntary effort launched especially in America, the proceeds of which will form a sinking fund for the amortisation of the public debt. Thus it is hoped to avoid the necessity of the crushing new taxation proposed by the various finance ministers and to restore confidence in the future of the French State finance. The plan has been generally favourably received.

BANDIT RAID.

AMERICAN VILLAGE PILLAGED.

ROBBERS' \$810,000 HAUL.

(Reuters' American Service.)

Dowse, Iowa, Dec. 18.—After taking prisoner, the town marshal, the telephone operators and the railwaymen and severing the wires communicating with other towns, half a dozen bandits made an inroad into the village, wrecked the safe in the bank, and carried off cash and securities valued at \$810,000.

LATEST MARVEL.

WIRELESS TALKS FROM TRAINS.

(Reuters' Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Recent experiments in wireless telephony from railway trains have been so successful that from January 4 travellers on expresses between Hamburg and Berlin will be able to telephone their families and friends easily as if they were at home. The service will be extended to other trains as soon as possible.

SOVIET ENVOY.

(Reuters' Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—M. Tchitcherin has arrived here from Paris en route to Moscow.

LUCKY AMERICA.

(Reuters' American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The House of Representatives passed a Bill reducing taxes by \$325,000,000.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following officers to act as his Honorary Aides-de-Camp:

Captain Hugh Blackwell Layard Dowbiggin, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 11, 1925.

Subadar Major and Hon. Lieut. Tazst Khan Beharud, 6th/1st Punjab, with effect from November 1, 1925.

Subadar Major Singh, Hongkong & Singapore Brigade, R.A., with effect from December 11, 1925.

CHICKEN "BAIT."

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBER ARRESTED.

FOILED ATTEMPT SEQUEL.

Discarding the chickens with which bond fides had been established and admittance gained to the first floor of No. 32, Western Street, on Thursday afternoon two armed robbers escaped on some women inmates raising the alarm, throwing away their other equipment, which consisted of daggers and wire gauze.

This robbery was reported in yesterday's "China Mail." It has since been gathered that a man has been taken into custody, alleged to have taken part in the affair. He was to have been brought before a Police Magistrate this morning, for remand, to enable further inquiries to be made.

Divisional Inspector P. Grant is in charge of the case.

LOCAL PROPERTY.

TIN MAGNATE BUYS BIG LOTS.

NEARLY \$1,000,000.

Said to have been a benefactor to the Hongkong University to the extent of \$60,000 a southern tin magnate is reported to have purchased three extensive lots of local property, the combined values being nearly \$1,000,000.

Yesterday's vernacular papers say that a Mr. Yu Tung-suen, who made his fortune in tin mines, and has been an unofficial legislative councillor in the island of his labours, has formed a syndicate to buy up property in Hongkong.

The lots which are stated as having passed to his ownership are:

The M. Y. San shops in Queen's Road Central, at over \$580,000.

The Kami Wing Bank premises (recently built), also in Queen's Road Central, at \$168,000.

The former Chinese exchange fronting on Lee House Street, for over \$220,000.

Efforts to trace the gentleman have failed so far. The name as given above is according to the Cantonese pronunciation of the characters.

AERIAL VIEW.

USED FOR FIRST TIME IN LOCAL COURT.

SHOOTING INQUIRY RESUMED.

For the first time, yesterday, a photograph taken from the air was used as evidence in a Hongkong police court.

The occasion was the continuation of the inquiry into the border incident as a result of which two Chinese were killed by Sub-Inspector D. W. Barnett. The photograph in question was a view of the district where the events occurred in order that the jury, which sat at the Central Magistracy with Mr. R. E. Lindsell, as coroner, might follow the movements of those present at the time.

Three villagers were called and the Coroner remarked that there were considerable discrepancies in their evidence. After one of them had contradicted himself several times the Coroner said: "I don't believe you saw a single thing. I think you are inventing this out of your brain, such as it is."

"One of the villagers called said that the women who had been robbed by the men whom the Inspector was told him that only one was armed. When witness saw the three suspects emerge from a gap in the ridge and go down a side path in the direction of some brick kilns, he called to the Inspector who had got to the scene by his cycle. The Inspector fired shot and the men ran back up the hillside. Inspector Barnett ran after them, witness following at some distance and he saw the Inspector fire two more shots, both of the men falling.

After this evidence the Coroner intimated that the inquiry would run over to another day. There were two other witnesses and his summing up and direction of the jury on the law would take some time.

The inquiry was adjourned until next Tuesday at 2.15 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Alan Renwick Woodcock, as Director of Education, and Mr. Roland Arthur Cheshire North, to act as Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect from December 16, 1925.

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BERLIN PARTY'S BID FOR PRESTIGE.

A new idea has flashed into the minds of the Nationalists to preserve the high moral character of the German stage, which they say has been contaminated by imported foreign plays, and at the same time increase their dwindling prestige.

In a letter to the Minister of the Interior and the Chief of Police, the Nationalist group in the Reichstag abhors the "unbecomingness" of certain German revues, and requests the Government to withdraw from the customs all scenes in which nude actresses or actors appear.

This hostility is chiefly directed against a musical comedy "From A to Z," which was originally entitled "From Paradise to Hindenburg."

The new revue is supposed to be the most spectacular thing that Berlin has ever seen.

The Nationalists brown on the new show, label it a "shocking one" and unworthy of the "clean traditions of the German nation."

The revue will probably be modified but not withdrawn altogether.

The Communist Party has agreed to support the Nationalists in their campaign, but the prime mover in the campaign is the Church.

The movements of those present at the time.

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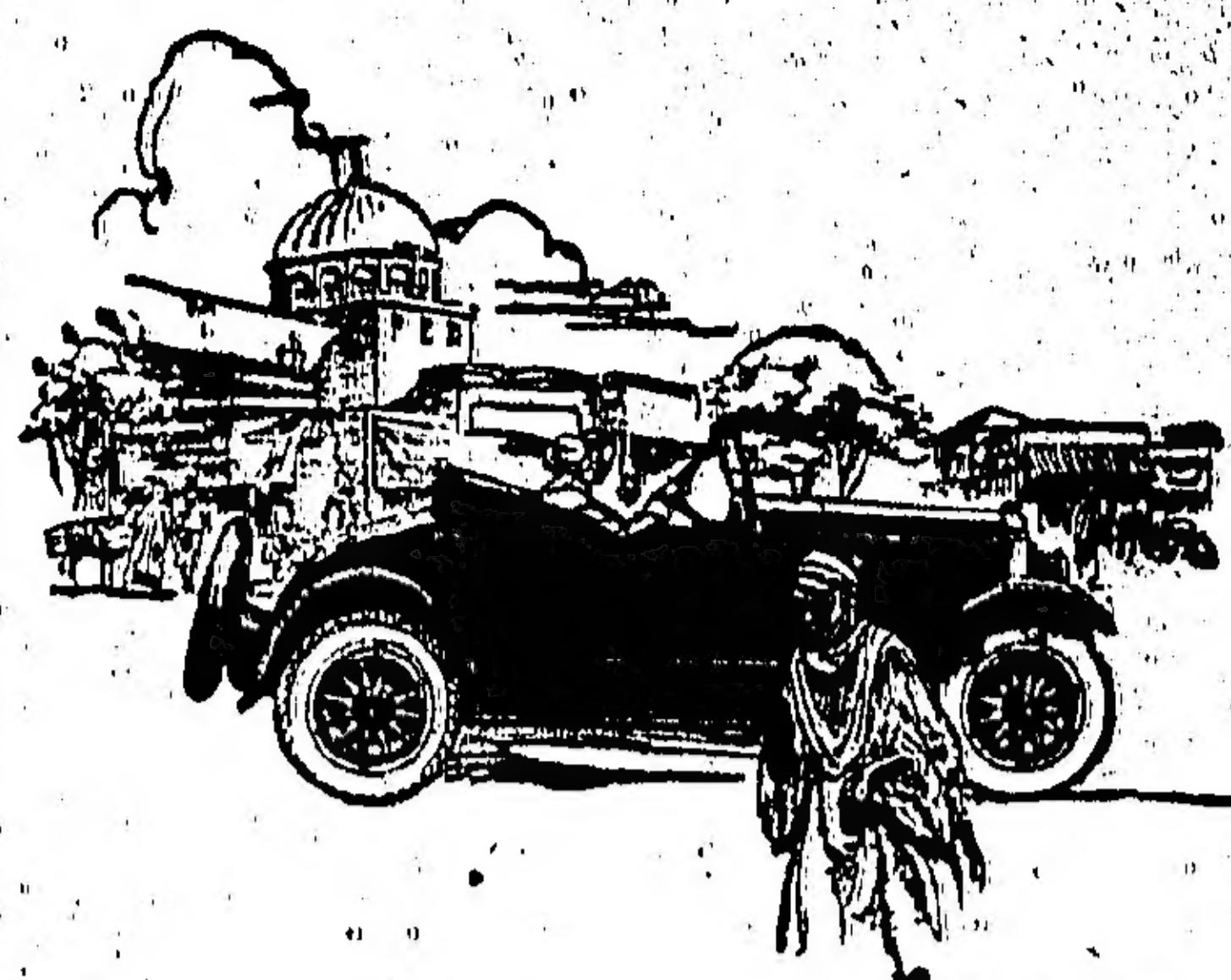
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A public garden in memory of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen is to be established in Swatow.

A great firm of Christmas-card publishers is so confident of the popularity of the Christmas-card this season that it has prepared no fewer than 3,000 separate designs.

In a local bookshop says the "Japan Chronicle" (Kobe) "Cruikshank's Concordance" is offered for sale, with the statement printed on the jacket, "Indispensable for Cross-word Puzzles." To such base uses do we come at last.

In a four nights play, from 13th to the 16th inst., at the Tai Ping Theatre, West Point, the Chung Shing Charitable Association has raised a fund of \$6,096.20 in aid of four schools for poor Chinese students. This association has been established for over ten years and has about 700 members.

Mrs. Diana Watts is arriving in Hongkong on Monday next by the "President Van Buren" and will lecture at the Theatre Royal that same evening, December 21, at 9.15 on "The Principles of Greek Balance" and on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, at 5.15 on "The Science and Art of Perfect Movement." Mrs. Watts makes her lectures particularly interesting by illustrating them in her own person and ends the second lecture by giving an archaic Greek dance. All profits go to the M. C. L. funds. Booking at Mouries'.

There was once a time when the journalist had to do without holidays, but recent years have seen a welcome movement towards the provision of leisure for scribblers at Christmastide. It has again been decided by the Newspaper Proprietors' Association that a clear newspaper holiday on Christmas Day and Boxing Day will again be arranged this year. This decision embraces all the London morning and evening newspapers, and though it may not be followed universally in the provinces, an excellent lead has been given. In point of fact, provincial newspapers are almost bound to be affected by the idea, since a good deal of their material is derived from the London newspapers in the first place.

A tax on forgetfulness—that is the latest innovation of the Paris Council. The decree which is issued, institutes a charge of 4 per cent on the value of securities and money which are reclaimed at the Lost Property Office. The same charge will also be made on jewellery which has been forgotten by its owner. For other articles there are comparatively small fees. Nobody is entitled to grumble at this imposition, for absent-minded persons who leave their stock certificates and necklaces in cabs give the authorities considerable trouble and deserve to be penalized for their carelessness.

There was a clean Bill of Health for the 24 hours ended Thursday.

Prof. Ryugo Inouye of the Sericultural School in Ueda, is reported to have perfected two inventions that are expected to greatly affect the silk industry. One of these is said to be a device to produce new silk from old rags and scraps, while the other is a simple method of obtaining silk direct from silkworms without waiting for the formation of the cocoons.

The American city of 200,000 A.D. will have buildings 100 or more stories in height, with landing stages for aircraft, and the streets will be of two or three levels to relieve traffic congestion. This is the conception of the future metropolitan municipality as sketched by artists and architects who will exhibit their pictorial prophecies as one of the features of the American Institute of Steel Construction convention.

Sails were introduced as an aid to plowing in a soil tillers' match near the seaside resort of Brightlingsea, of which many of its residents are yachtsmen as well as farmers. The wind at times caused the horses to drag the plow along but at other times puffed the implement to one side and spoiled a straight furrow which hindered the contestants' chance of winning first prize. Men as well as women participated in the contest which the judges decided was a great success but thought there was little possibility of sails ever putting horses or motors out of business when it comes to plowing.

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The radio listener in Sweden must pay for his entertainment but nevertheless license holders increased to 70,000 against 6,000 last year. A fee of 12 krona paid by listeners has provided funds for an improved programme. Demand on the present radiocasting stations has necessitated fresh arrangements. It is planned to build a high-power station in the centre of England having a wavelength of 1,780 metres.

Treasure Island, the children's Wonderland at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, is to be a feature of the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Philadelphia next year. It will be in charge of Maj. E. A. Belcher, comptroller of General Services at Wembley, who, with Maxwell Ayrton has been chiefly responsible for the organization of the Robert Louis Stevenson pirates' mythical home. "Wembley's is roughly an acre in extent," he said. "Its American counterpart will be nearly five acres in size, but though bigger, everything will be in keeping with the idea of the original. The attendants will be in the costumes of the characters from fact and fiction known to all well-brought-up children, and it will still be a place where there are no don'ts. In place of Drake's ship, 'The Golden Hind,' there will be a reproduction of Penn's ship, 'Welcome,' in which the first emigrants to Pennsylvania crossed the Atlantic."

So firm and lasting a hold on the public affection have many of the creations of Charles Dickens gained that the information that the Church of St. George the Martyr in Southwark, London—known throughout the English-speaking world as "Little Dorrit's Church"—is to be thrown open as a lunch-hour resting place in memory of his famous character, hardly even arouses comment. It is true that this church enjoys an added reason for the public interest, in that the name of the little person from whom the great novelist took his character is still preserved in the church register. Still this fact, without the help of Dickens, would never have earned fame to the church or been sufficient cause for its present utilisation for the public welfare. Specifically the lunch room is to occupy the vestry in which Little Dorrit rested one night.

Dr. Donald Schokman, of the Medical Department, Ceylon, who is returning to Colombo after a holiday in Europe and the United States, left by the s.s. "Haruna Maru" to-day.

"As You Like It" was presented by the foreign members of the Canton Christian College faculty last night at Canton at the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. Box receipts will go to a local charity.

Prince Takamatsu, third son of the Japanese Emperor, is to be promoted to the rank of sub-lieutenant this month. The Prince has been a member of the crew of the battleship "Fuso" and is to be transferred to the cruiser "Furutaka" next April.

Mr. W. W. Campbell, for many years head of the Pacific Mail Co. in Japan—both the old Pacific

Mail and the company that was reconstituted after the old one decided to go out of business—is back in Japan, and will be in charge of Misara Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.'s sub-agency, in Osaka. No one has been more deservedly popular than Mr. Campbell, and his return to Japan will be regarded as good news by a large circle of friends.

George Bernard Shaw is nothing if not original, and his recent reply to an invitation sent to him by T. P. O'Connor to attend a non-party dinner in honour of the British Foreign Secretary is typical. It read, upon a postal card:

No, really. The dinner should be to me. It was I who proposed a Locarno pact in 1913 again on New Year's Day, 1914, when it might have prevented the war. What has it now when all the mischief is done? However, it is greatly to Mr. Chamberlain's credit that he is only twelve years behind me instead of fifty.

As in previous years, the Prince of Wales will light the Lamps of Maintenance at the Annual Birthday Festival of Toc H. (Talbot House) to-night at the Royal Albert Hall, London. The Festival coincides with the arrival in England of the Founder Padre, "Tubby" Clayton, and the Rev. Pat Leonard, D.S.O., the Manchester Padre, on the conclusion of their world tour. This has resulted in the establishment of

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DR. HAROLD DEARDEN, whose "The Science of Happiness" is being published by Messrs. Helene-mann, has been at great pains to study everyday psychology at first hand. He has worked as a chauffeur, has sold papers in the streets of London, and has lived in a workman's dwelling in the East-end. During the War, Dr. Dearden was medical officer to the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards.

Dr. L. P. Clark, one of New York's best-known neurologists, gives a predominant place to sentiment in the death list. "The loss of friends and love is the most frequent cause of mental and physical breakdown, resulting in death. The spiritual decay of friendship and love attributes, their break-up and consequent scattering, both within the individual and around him, render a person more susceptible to disease."

Lord Dawson, personal physician to King George, has added to the list of shattered medical myths by prescribing for heart disease a quiet day in bed followed by an evening at the theatre with an easy round of golf on the following day. Heart muscles, according to Lord Dawson, are better for exercise as well as rest. To the average individual, Lord Dawson stated, heart disease is a common ailment. The heart, however, has a flexibility or safety margin 600 to 700 per cent, all that is necessary, Lord Dawson said, is to use the heart in exercising.

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LEAGUE STATISTICS THIS SEASON.

AVERAGES AND RECORDS.

[By W.P.C.]

This is not in the nature of a grouch, but I must draw attention to the fact that the qualification of second league cricketers is becoming very loose. On going through my file I find that there are instances of players having appeared regularly for a senior team and then getting an Irish promotion to the junior eleven. On the other hand, players have been promoted—probably at stop-gaps—and then put back. Still others have oscillated backwards and forwards and if sufficient games are played they will reach a stage when their names appear in both sections of the averages.

Not so many seasons ago I remember the word "three" having cropped up in a discussion as to the status of a junior division man. I am not certain, without recourse to the official book, whether it is "three" or "more than three." At any rate it was then stipulated that a player who had appeared in his club's first eleven so many times in one season, was debarred from playing with the second team in the league during the same season.

Subsequent to that definition having been accepted it was, unofficially, informed—two or three seasons back—that a club which had met difficulty in fielding two teams had been told that they could go ahead as the rule would be stretched so as to encourage the game by keeping that certain second eleven up. What the position is to-day has to be ascertained.

I am of the opinion that even if league points and championships were at stake no club will protest, unofficially. But if the second division is not to be in danger of becoming a farce then it is up to the respective clubs to find out for themselves. When short of 2nd XI men they should look down for men and not up to the 1st XI. Then there will be no need to refer to back scores and the rule book.

In the batting averages E. C. Fincher supersedes Lt. Sillitoe at the top as Fincher has played in three innings and has carried out his bat each time. W. Hung of the Chinese R. C. continues to bear out the promise he has shown before and maintains his excellent figures. Three Craigenhower names are added with their having played in the minimum number of games and Lindsell (K.C.C.) takes Jex's place. Two other Kowloon senior batsmen in A. W. Ramsay and J. C. Lyle just fail to "qualify" but have played consistently. Goodwin, also of Kowloon, has 16 wickets to his credit but his average is just over 15.

Two Royal Navy batsmen are dropped from the junior batting list. Y. A. Wahab takes the place of his clubmate, I. Hassan, in the highest second league batting aggregate.

The names of B. D. Evans and S. Abbas are included in the senior bowling for the first time this season. In the junior Meadows (Police) and A. S. Ismail (Indians) are left out but Lacey (Police) is restored and C. F. Alexander (Police), and Lt. Emley (Navy) are added.

A new low batting record has been set up by the Navy 2nd XI against whom H. D. Rumjahn

performed the "hat trick" last Saturday and he joins those who have taken 6 wickets in a match to date. A. S. Suffiad, with 15 wickets in the second league, beats Robertson (Police) and Edmonds (Civil Service) with 14 each.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Division I.

	No. of	Highest	Avege.
E. C. Fincher (C.S.)	3	67 125	42.60
Lt. Sillitoe (N.)	5	68 96	9.60
E. C. Fincher (G.C.C.)	2	61 82	82.00
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.)	2	69 78	78.00
Lt. Frizell (G.C.C.)	2	82 138	64.00
Mid. Stephenson (N.)	5	102 256	51.00
E. F. Stewart (H.K.)	3	79 168	52.66
W. C. Hung (C.R.C.)	3	60 104	22.00
E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.)	3	95 98	49.00
Major Hattersley (R.A.)	2	92 92	46.00
R. E. Lindsell (K.C.C.)	3	54 88	38.00
A. H. Madar (I.)	5	58 174	34.80
Capt. Armstrong (S.)	5	70 201	33.50
S. O. Shahabudin (U.)	3	50 53	31.50
R. G. Sayer (C.S.)	4	44 122	30.50
Rev. E. K. Quick (U.)	3	43 50	29.33
W. G. Hayward (H.K.)	3	73 36	23.88
Capt. Morris (R.A.)	2	67 140	28.00
Lieut. Col. Edmonds (R.A.)	2	30 55	27.50
N. B. Kitchen (I.)	5	21* 54	27.00
Capt. L. W. Bonner (R.A.)	2	26* 27	27.00
Lt. Nicholson (N.)	5	61 107	24.75
E. B. Wood (C.S.)	3	45 58	24.50
W. C. Hung (C.R.C.)	3	30 50	25.00
O. Ismail (I.)	3	54 60	23.00
C.Q.M.S. Strip (S.)	6	49 111	22.83
A. R. Rumjahn (U.)	3	32 61	22.67
K. R. Macnuskin (K.)	4	29* 40	20.00
W. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	2	27 10	20.00

Division II.

	No. of	Highest	Avege.
B. C. K. Hawkins (C.S.)	3	46* 107	53.50
H. S. Gordon (H.K.)	3	48 110	39.66
L. D. McNicoll (H.K.)	3	43* 71	35.50
Mid. Simms (N.)	3	37* 68	34.00
T. H. King (P.)	4	77* 109	33.25
S. B. Spillet (C.S.)	2	15* 30	30.00
H. Hall (H.K.)	2	59 54	27.00
G. Lee (K.)	3	84 81	27.00
J. Hassan (I.)	5	143 238	23.60
F. Harper (P.)	3	45 128	23.00
R. W. Howell (K.)	3	32 69	22.00
A. R. F. Raven (K.)	3	41 67	22.33
A. F. Alexander (P.)	3	65 82	20.66
Mid. Dickson (N.)	2	31 40	20.00

Signifies "not out."

[Minimum 2 innings, but not less than half matches of respective team, average 20 runs or over.]

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Division I.

	Wickets	Average.
Rev. E. K. Quick (U.)	18	5.82
S. O. Shahabudin (U.)	9	7.00
A. C. I. Bowles (H.K.)	10	8.00
Lt.-Col. Cantrell (N.)	20	9.31
Sgt. Gifford (R.A.)	5	12.20
Lt. Henslowe (R.A.)	7	12.67
H. N. Balhatchett (U.)	9	13.14
D. Evans (C.S.)	7	13.33
E. F. Stewart (H.K.)	3	13.33
Pay-Com. Woodward (N.)	9	13.44
S. Abbas (C.C.C.)	5	13.80
Lt. Sillitoe (N.)	3	14.66
Capt. Alfrees (S.)	4	14.75

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WICKETS AGGREGATE.

	Senior	Junior	Y. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)
Lt. Col. Gifford (H.K.)	6	39	11.40
J. Robertson (Police)	6	17	11.67
Nov. 21; W. H. Edmonds (C.S.)	6	28	11.33
Pay-Com. Woodward (N.)	6	36	11.00
S. Abbas (C.C.C.)	7	23	10.57
Lt. Sillitoe (N.)	7	24	10.57
Dec. 12; Eng.-Lt. Bennett (N.)	10	11.80	—
W. H. Edmonds (C.S.)	14	9.50	—
F. W. Howell (K.)	6	10.33	—
Lt. Hayter (N.)	5	11.00	—
G. Lee (K.)	6	11.16	—
A. S. Suffiad (I.)	15	11.20	—
R. A. H. Gordon (H.K.)	12	11.25	—
Eng.-Lt. Bennett (N.)	10	11.30	—
W. H. Edmonds (C.S.)	14	10.50	—
F. W. Howell (K.)	6	10.33	—
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W. H. Edmonds (C.S.)	14	10.50	—
F. W. Howell (K.)	6	10.33	—
Lt. Hayter (N.)			

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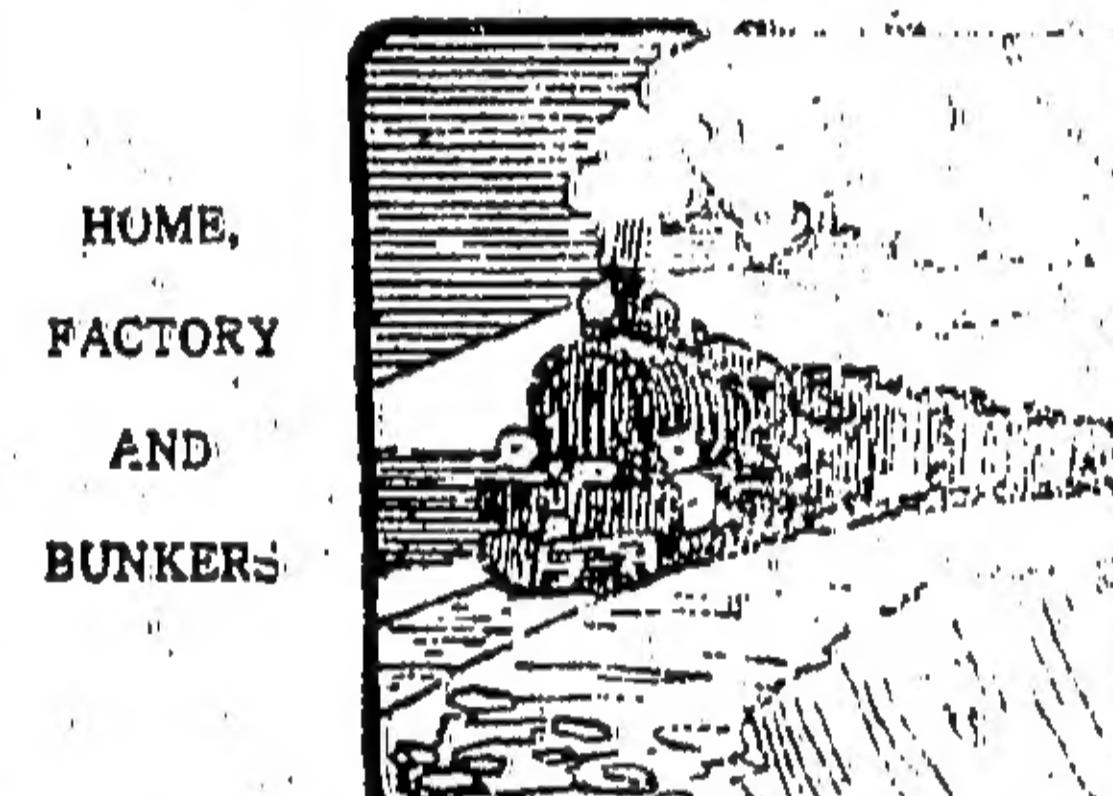
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WESLEYAN CHURCH DOUBLE WEDDING.



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A notable "double" wedding was solemnized at the Wesleyan Church, Wan Chai, last Saturday, in which the bridegrooms travelled 37 days (15 days overland, by chair) from far-off Yunnan and the brides came out on the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia"—which has attained fame as "the bride ship." The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hind of Fukien and the Rev. W. T. Lindsey (who officiated) are in the right of the group above. "Close-ups" of the contracting parties appear below.



Photo by Ying Ming.

The Rev. Fred Cotterell and his bride, Miss Marjorie Ford, after last Saturday's double wedding at the Wesleyan Church, Wan Chai. Mr. W. H. Edmonds gave away both brides and Mrs. W. H. Edmonds was matron of honour, at whose house the reception was held.

DR. WALL & HIS BRIDE.



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On Friday afternoon of last week, Dr. Austin Darley Wall of Shanghai and Miss Margaret Alice McGregor (who arrived by the "Anton") were married at St. John's Cathedral.



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The Rev. Capt. W. H. Budapest, M.A., and his bride, Miss Florence M. Ankens, after last Saturday's double wedding at the Wesleyan Church, Wan Chai. For both functions the bridesmaids were Miss. Mollie Brown and Miss. Marie Clarke; and Mr. G. H. Piercy was organist.

ANOTHER "MACEDONIA" BRIDE.



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Group taken outside St. John's Cathedral last Saturday, when another "Macedonia" bride—Miss Florence Mabel Harris—was married to Stanley Inspector Charles Strange. In the back row (left to right) are—Mr. H. J. Strange (who gave the bride away), the bride, the bridegroom, Mr. H. Watson (best man), Mrs. H. E. Strange (matron of honour) and the Misses Dorothy Watson and Norma Blake (bridesmaids) are standing in front.

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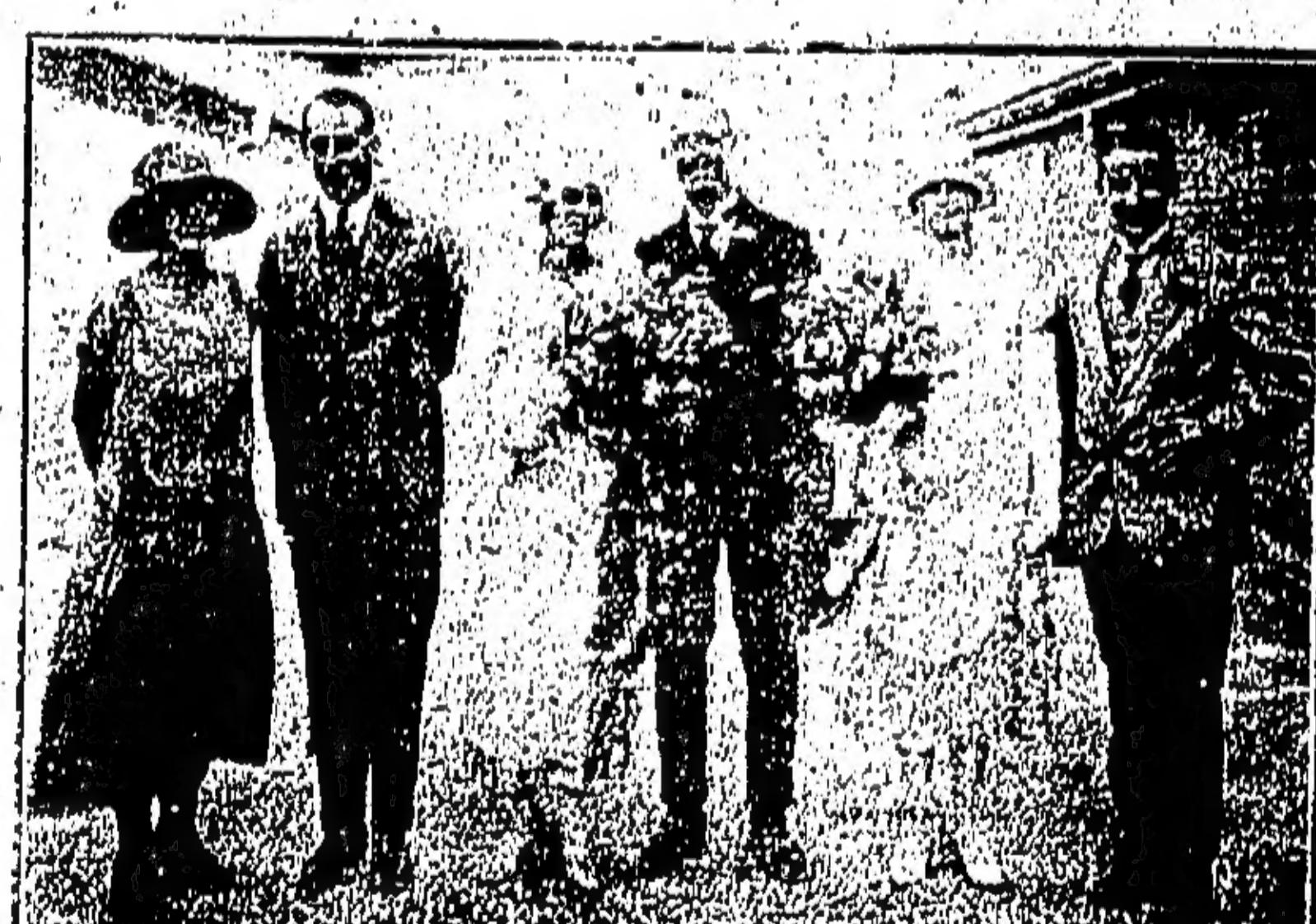
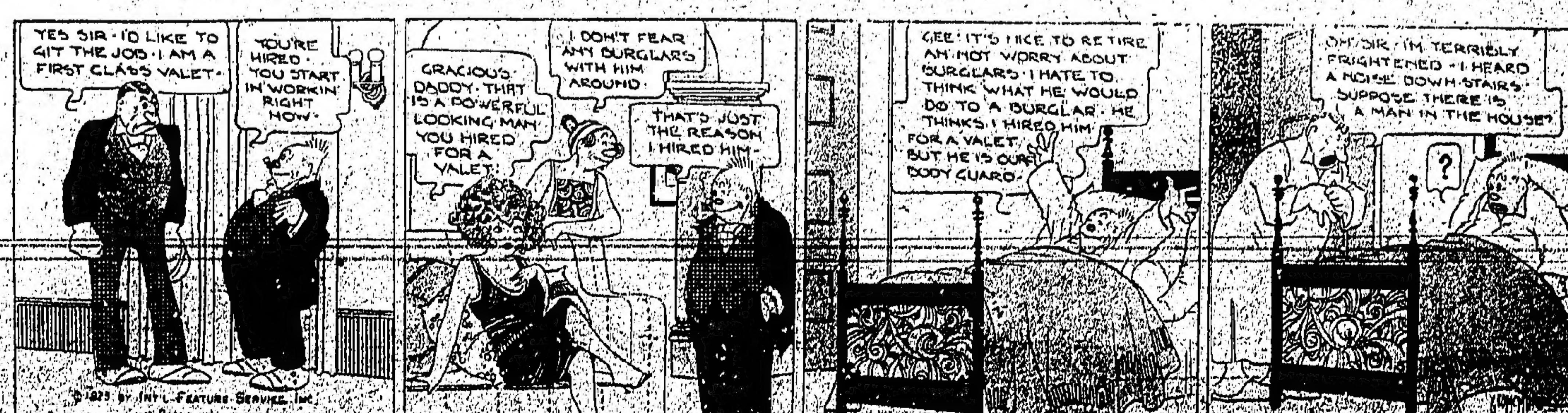


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Wedding group taken at No. 10, Ventris Road, (the residence of Mr. S. Hamer, of the Public Works Department), last Monday, after the wedding at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. Frederick Wentworth Foster-Turner (the local architect) and Miss Rosina Lily Radley. The reception was held at Mr. Hamer's residence after he had given away the bride. Miss Gladys Brock was bridesmaid and Mr. S. Folthorpe the best man.

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Floounces are the accepted method of introducing a flutter, in even the slightly tailored mode for afternoons. And for evenings, the frock, which boasts a floounce or delicate lace or chiffon is assured of sartorial perfection.

Waistlines, which grow longer with the lengthening days of summer, are particularly smart when designated by the pleated floounce.

One smart model for afternoon occasions is of black silk richly embroidered in floral pattern in bright reds, greens and yellows. The lines of the frock are straight

The smart resorts and country clubs feature two-piece suits for sports occasions. And when the jumpers introduce the new tendencies of chic about the neck, this sports outfit takes on an air of great importance.

Just at present all white leads the mode with sweaters and jersey jumpers found particularly pleasing sports outfits in this colour.

The white Chanel jumper, with silk crepe collar, and the turtle neck sweater of yarn, all wear an air of dash which is also to be found in the V-necked sweater of mohair yarn and Rayon.

All-white shares its popularity, however, with varied colour of the smartly outfitted; for this is a season when dashing tones are popular and many use the brilliant shades combined with white as well.

It is about the neck, however,

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Materials which are closely woven are well suited to the floounce treatment, and when the frock is of printed chiffon or crepe, they are particularly effective.

The dance frock for summer, which is really smart, boasts either a floounce, or an apron front or lace of fluttering lace, and so follows the mode of feminine lines.

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The turtle neck sweater which has become the keynote of chic adds much to the sporting outfit. Coming at a time of the season when new lines achieve real success, the turtle neck and the still newer split turtle neck have come to the very fore of popularity. They, however, have the round neck of sweet simplicity to conquer, and the youthful Peter Pan and silk crepe collar of former summers still hold an enviable place in sports smartness.

The V cut neck, which allows a greater freedom, and which is so becomingly worn, is also a pleasing note of many new sweaters and jumpers. Neck which boast an unusual treatment in scarfs are also to be listed among the truly smart notes in sartorial perfection, and may be found in the newer sports blouses and jumpers.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	Empress of Canada	
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.	Fres. Taft	
Hollow and Haiphong	Midway	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hongkong	9 a.m.
Haiphong	Midway	9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
Shanghai, Japan, & Europe via Siberia (Letters and Postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Azores	11:30 p.m.
Manila	Fres. Van Buren	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
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Letters 4:30 p.m.	Kingsbury	5:30 p.m.
Amoy	Singapore	5 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.		
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Letters 3:30 p.m.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & Europe	Tango Maru	
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Letters 3:30 p.m.		
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.	Fres. McKinley	
Swatow	Midway	10:30 a.m.
Bras & Gombe (Cape) F.Z.		
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